

WHAT TO DO SOON

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ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADVISORS AND MENTORS	Mentoring relationships extend beyond your primary advisor and spans across departments, disciplines, even campus boundaries.
DEVELOP A STUDY PLAN FOR DEGREE COMPLETION	Talk with your advisor/mentor regarding your plans for the future both academically and professionally. Graduate Advisors, Graduate Program Assistants, and fellow graduate students are also good resources.
ATTEND DEPARTMENT SEMINARS, SPECIALIZED COURSES, OR TRAINING SESSIONS	Consult your departmental graduate handbook, faculty advisor, and/or Graduate Program Assistant, and General Catalog regarding your required core courses and seminars you are expected to complete. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your department may also offer specialized courses and training sessions specific to your discipline. Check with your Graduate Program Assistant for more information.
APPLY FOR FELLOWSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID	<p><u>Your Department</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Program Assistant: Ask for listing of fellowships relevant to your field and to see winning proposals. Peers: See what funding they have applied for and have received. Meet for coffee and ask for advice. <p><u>UC Santa Barbara Central Fellowships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCSB offers numerous funding opportunities exclusively for continuing graduate students and discipline-specific awards. UC-wide discipline specific, graduate student fellowships. <p><u>External Fellowships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Source, the Graduate Division's discipline-specific search engine. California offers exclusive fellowships for its residents. <p><u>Funding Databases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCLA Graduate and Postdoctoral Extramural Database (GRAPES) Federally Funded and Independent Portable, and Institutional Fellowships The Community of Science (COS)* Illinois Researcher and Information Service (IRIS)* <p>* They are accessible on any computer using the ucsb.edu domain or by UCSB proxy server. You can use these databases to enter key words, search for program solicitations, and browse search results from a variety of sponsoring organizations.</p>
APPLY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANT (TA) AND GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER (GSR) APPOINTMENTS	TA appointments are typically handled by the departmental Graduate Program Assistant, while GSR appointments are provided by individual faculty members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some departments may need additional TAs and Readers, check the College of Letters and Science for employment opportunities. You may also find tutor opportunities through the Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS), clas@sa.ucsb.edu, (805) 893-3269.

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